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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP99/07274  
International Filing Date: October 1, 1999  
Priority Date Claimed: October 10, 1998  
Applicant: Daute et al.  
Title: ADDITIVES FOR PROCESSING PLASTICS  
Applicants' Reference: H 3722 PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 10, of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

**--TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

Spheronized Granules, Plastic Additive Compositions  
Containing the Same and Methods of Use Therefor

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

At page 2, line 5 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the